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TAGS: PGOV, EGEN,ELAB, CA  
SUBJECT: ONTARIO ECONOMISTS SEE QUEBEC MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE IN  
MACHIAVELLIAN LIGHT

1. JOHN PATTISON, SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER WITH ONTARIO  
ECONOMIC COUNCIL, TOLD CONGEN JULY 29 THAT SOME ECONOMISTS  
IN TORONTO SEE THE ACTION OF QUEBEC'S PQ GOVERNMENT IN  
ESTABLISHING THE HIGHEST MINIMUM WAGE LEVEL IN CANADA  
AS A PLAN TO INCREASE THE UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL IN THE  
PROVINCE AND TO PROVIDE GREATER SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED  
REFERENDUM ON SEPARATION BY MAKING THE PRE-REFERENDUM  
ECONOMIC CONDITION AS BAD AS POSSIBLE SO THAT VOTERS  
WILL HAVE AN "THINGS CAN BE BETTER WITH INDEPENDENCE"  
APPROACH.

2. ACCORDING TO THESIS, ACTION OF PQ GOVERNMENT  
IN RAISING MINIMUM WAGE NOT JUSTIFIED BY ECONOMIC FACTORS  
AND INCONSISTENT WITH OTHERWISE HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE  
FISCAL POLICIES OF PQ GOVERNMENT.

3. PATTISON VERY CLOSE TO ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS  
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY IN TORONTO. HE LEAVING ONTARIO  
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ECONOMIC COUNCIL IN AUGUST TO ASSUME ECONOMIC  
POSITION IN BUSINESS GRADUATE SCHOOL OF UNIVERSITY  
OF WESTERN ONTARIO,LONDON.  
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